

**DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY**  
**MARINE PROTECTION, RESEARCH, AND SANCTUARIES ACT (MPRSA)**

Administrative Enforcement: Agency Representation in  
Hearings and Signing of Consent Agreements

1. **AUTHORITY.** To represent the Agency in administrative enforcement actions conducted under the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act (MPRSA); to negotiate consent agreements between the Agency and respondents resulting from such enforcement actions; and to initiate an appeal from an administrative determination, and to represent the Agency in such appeals.
2. **TO WHOM REDELEGATED**
  - a. To the Director, Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division, or equivalent.
  - b. To the Director, Water Division, or equivalent.
  - c. Through the Regional Counsel, Office of Regional Counsel, or equivalent, and through the Branch Chiefs, Air, Toxics, and Information Law Branch, Land Law Branch, and Water Law Branch, or equivalents, to the staff attorneys in the Office of Regional Counsel.
3. **LIMITATIONS.**
  - a. Only the AA for OECA may exercise the authority to initiate appeals.
  - b. The AA for OECA must consult with the regional administrator, division director, or branch chief and the AA for OW, or his designee, prior to initiating an appeal.
4. **REDELEGATION AUTHORITY.**
  - a. This authority may be redelegated.
  - b. An official who redelegates an authority retains the right to exercise or withdraw the authority. Redelegated authority may be exercised by any official in the chain of command down to the official to whom it has been specifically redelegated.
5. **SUPERSESSSION.** This delegation supersedes R10 3-1-B (07/11/2016) and any other delegation of the same authority.
6. **ADDITIONAL REFERENCES.**
  - a. Sections 104B and 105 of MPRSA.
  - b. 40 CFR Part 22.
  - c. EPA Delegation 3-1-B.

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Date

  
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Regional Administrator